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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR HAITI

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1. WE ANTICIPATE THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

A. RESEARCH EXPERT, FOR PERHAPS SIX MONTHS WITH SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONAL VISITS, TO SET UP COFFEE RESEARCH PROGRAM (NONE CURRENTLY EXISTS).

B. CULTIVATION/EXTENSION EXPERT, LONG TERM, TO WORK ON PROGRAMS AIMED AT INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY, BOTH THROUGH IMPROVED CULTIVATION PRACTICES AND INTRODUCTION OF IMPROVED VARIETIES.

C. MARKETING/COOPERATIVES EXPERT, LONG TERM, TO HELP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DESIGN AND EXECUTE A PROGRAM WHICH WILL IMPROVE INCOME OF SMALL PRODUCERS BY INCREASING THEIR POWER VIS-A-VIS WHOLESALERS AND EXPORTERS, E.G. THROUGH FORMATION OF COOPERATIVES, POSSIBLY TO INCLUDE PROCESSING FACILITIES.

D. COOPERATIVE/FINANCIAL EXPERT, LONG TERM, TO SUPPORT

ACTIVITIES OF MARKETING/COOPERATIVE EXPERT.

E. ADVISOR TO IHPCADE, OPPOSITE NUMBER OF COSTA RICAN COFFEE OFFICE, PERHAPS FOR A YEAR.

- 2. FOREGOING IS A FIRST APPROXIMATION; AS SUGGESTED REF (A), WE THINK SPECIFICS COULD BEST BE PINNED DOWN DURING TWO-WEEK VISIT OF APPROPRIATE COSTA RICAN (S) TO HAITI.
- 3. IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES MENTIONED PARA TWO REF (B), I WONDER IF NOW MIGHT NOT BE THE TIME TO MENTION TO MINISTER QUIROS AID'S WILLINGNESS TO HELP FINANCE COSTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IT MAY ALSO BE AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO MENTION POSSIBILITY OF CATIE PARTICIPATION. JONES

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